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interviewed every individual I could hear of in any way ailing, and found nothing whatever in the nature of contagious or infectious diseases, in fact a most remarkable exemption from disease of any kind. From the interior I have reports of dysentery. This port continues remarkably healthy.

NICARAGUA.

Bluefields.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports, May 10, that the sanitary condition of Bluefields remains satisfactory.

CUBA.

Sanitary report from Cienfuegos.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *May 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 13, 1899. The station now has all of the essential apparatus on hand and in working order, the 2 pumps reported missing having come on the last steamer from New York, as reported in letter to the Bureau. The personnel of the station is also complete, consisting of 1 engineer, 2 attendants, and 1 office messenger. The engineer has charge of the disinfecting pier and apparatus, and has everything ready for use at any moment. All the apparatus has been used or tested. A few minor alterations have been made to facilitate the handling and preserving of the station property, and we are now prepared to disinfect with dispatch all but large steamers. These could be disinfected thoroughly here, but it would require some time. The 2 attendants act as boatmen. They take week on and week off as watchmen, the one on duty being at the wharf from daylight until dark to give prompt notice of approaching vessels, and to have everything in readiness for immediate boarding. The rowboat rented the first of the week is now being used for this purpose. She flies the national flag aft and the yellow flag forward when boarding. By direction of Surgeon Carter, inspection of baggage bound to New York was begun this week on the steamship *Saratoga.* All passengers, except 1 discharged soldier, being first class and the baggage being in good condition no disinfecting was done. Each piece of baggage was labeled with the red inspected label, dated and stamped. The health of the city remains about the same as last week. The rains have not begun, however, and good water is very hard to get. Thirty-eight deaths were registered, against 34 last week, of which 8 were from dysentery and 7 from malaria.

Respectfully, yours, S. B. GRUBBS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Sanitary report from Guantanamo.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *May 6, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that our sanitary inspector, Dr. Nin, reports as follows from Guantanamo: No other sickness has occurred on the British barkentine *St. Paul.* She will sail next week for New York.

On May 3, the United States Army transport *Thomas* took the Fifth